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AMENDMENT

In response to the office Action of June 26, 2002 please amend this application as follows

In the Title

Please change the title to read

-Liquid-Solids Circulating Fluidized Bed-

In the Disclosure

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 6 with the following

B1

-Fluidized beds have been used for a number of different applications such as gas-liquid, gas-liquid-solid contactors and to carry out a variety of different processes such as chemical reactions.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 28 with the following

B2

-Porter and Robert, US patent 3,879,287, "Continuous ion exchange process and apparatus" (1975) relates to an apparatus for continuous ion exchange. However, the process described is a semi-continuous process as the recommended eluting means is a batch wise conventional fixed bed ion exchange process.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 17 with the following

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